

# The Port Washington Public Library

A monthly guide to your community library,  
its programs and services

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## Authors visit the library in August

Meet Vincent Carrella, author of *Serpent Box*, on Friday, August 8 at 12:10 p.m. When Jacob Flint is born deep in the mountains of Appalachia, no one gives the misshapen child much thought. But by the time he is 10 years old, his father has convinced everyone that Jacob is a messenger from God. Vincent Carrella, formerly of Port Washington, is an award-winning writer, producer and creative director who has developed characters for Warner Brothers, Jay Leno, Saturday Night Live.com, Pop.com/DreamWorks and Stan Lee Media, among others.

On Thursday, August 14 at 2 p.m. author Philip Carlo talks about *Gaspipe: Confessions of a Mafia Boss*. Anthony "Gaspipe" Casso is currently serving 13 consecutive life sentences plus 455 years at a federal prison in Colorado. Casso has given *New York Times* bestselling author Philip Carlo the most intimate look into the world of La Cosa Nostra ever seen. Carlo was born and raised in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, where he learned the ways of the street and the rules that governed it. He is the author of the bestselling biographies *The Night Stalker* and *The Ice Man*.

Cynthia Baxter visits on Friday, August 15 at 12:10 p.m. Baxter grew up on Long Island, and uses it as the setting for her *Reigning Cats & Dogs* mystery series. Her heroine, Jessica Popper, is a veterinarian with a mobile services unit who travels around fictitious "Norfolk County," a combination of both Nassau and Suffolk, treating animals — and investigating murders. Ms. Baxter taught writing at Hofstra University, and is a contributor to *Distinction* magazine.

These programs are co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## Summer hours

The library is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays during the summer and closed on Sundays. Our full weekend schedule resumes after Labor Day.

## One-on-one instruction

Computer instruction is available by appointment in the Computer Center. Call 883-4400, Ext. 171 for further information or to reserve a 1-hour time slot.

## Library at the LIRR

The library will be on-site at the Port Washington station Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) from 7 to 9 a.m. through September 3. A collection of popular paperbacks will be available for you to borrow. This program is funded by the Friends of the Library.

## Do we have your e-mail address?

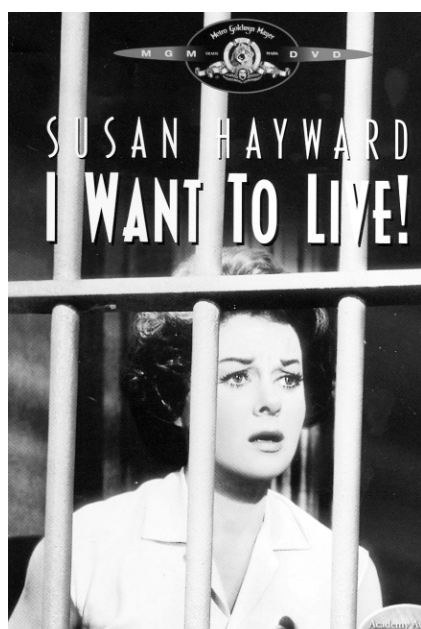
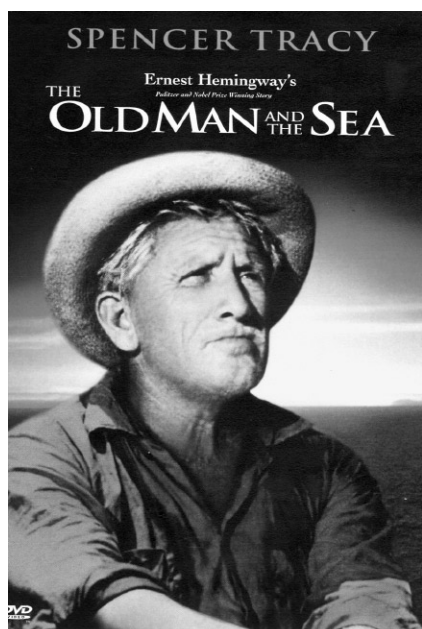
In an effort to spread the word on library programs and services to all, teen volunteers will be collecting e-mail addresses on Fridays in August. Look for a table in the lobby between 12 and 2 p.m. You also have the option of logging on to [www.pwpl.org](http://www.pwpl.org) and clicking on "receive e-mail alerts."

## Forum on holiday decorations

Some members of the public were unhappy with the library's new policy that allows only seasonal displays in December and asked the Board of Trustees to reconsider the decision. The Board would like to hear the community's point of view on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m. There will be no action taken at this meeting, but all comments are welcome. Individual comments will be limited to 3 minutes.

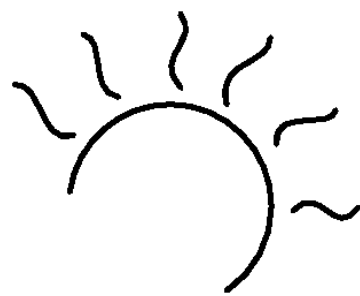
## Attention book clubs

Watch the September newsletter for a special event — the introduction of our "Book Club in a Bag" kits. Chef Frank Miale shares the spotlight, and creates his incredible, edible tidbits. This is sure to be an afternoon delight you won't want to miss.



## Stay cool with films from '58

Our 1958 Film Festival continues this month with screenings on August 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 26 & 27. See the Calendar of Events for descriptions.



## Summer Readers' Advisory Service

Stop by or call the Information Desk (Ext. 136), answer a few questions, and we'll put together some summer reading sure to entertain you.



Area	# of Bulbs Changed	KWH Saved Per Year	KWH Saved Over 10 Years	\$ Saved Per Year	\$ Saved Over 10 Years
Main Lobby	32	16,483.6	164,835.8	\$3,626.39	\$36,263.88
All Galleries & Lapham	107	13,019.8	130,197.6	\$2,864.35	\$28,643.47
All High Ceiling & Black Boxes	30	8,152.6	81,525.6	\$1,793.56	\$17,935.63
Both Stair Cases	12	3,553.1	35,530.6	\$781.67	\$7,816.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>41,209.0</b>	<b>412,089.6</b>	<b>\$9,065.97</b>	<b>\$90,659.71</b>

## Energy conservation and organic products

# The greening of the PWPL

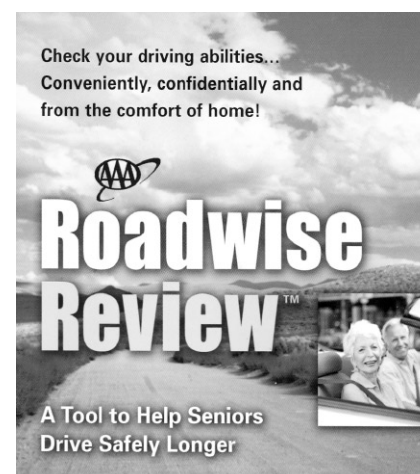
The Port Washington Public Library uses green cleaning products throughout the building, and an organic landscaping program was launched this spring. In addition, we continue to move ahead with energy conservation projects.

As shown in the table above,

just the simple act of changing lightbulbs to new energy-efficient products, will save the library 41,209 kilowatt hours per year or 412,090 over the next ten years. The result is a savings of \$9,066 a year and over \$90,000 over a ten-year period. These steps will avoid the production of more than

39,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year and 391,000 over the next decade. Analysis provided by T.M. Bier, Associates.

The steps taken so far bring the PWPL closer to its goal of being an environmentally-friendly "green building."



## Roadwise Review

Now you can check your driving abilities conveniently and confidentially from the comfort of home. The Roadwise Review CD-ROM from AAA can be used on your home computer so that you can monitor your "driving health." Copies are available in the Media Department.



The venerable Port Washington to Roslyn trolley, in use from 1908 to 1920

## Port's Main Street Online

Port Washington's Main Street is more than a location. It evokes memories of schools, businesses, transportation, parades, parks, celebrations and community events. It is associated with traditions that have their roots in the founding of our town.

Through a special online project of the Long Island Library Resources Council, our library's Local History Center has created a digital storehouse featuring Main Street as it appears in postcards, photographs, maps, documents and unique historical ephemera. Visit our website to access a wealth of digitized images and text.

Elly Shodell, director of the Local History Center, points out that the project allows us to provide access to these materials for people who might not be able to visit in person. Showcasing the library's local history collections and archives, Main Street Online!, with its 100+ images (and growing), is the first stage of a planned multi-subject Port Washington Public Library Local History Project.

Past and present Main Street businesses and businesspeople, cultural institutions, churches, landmarks and other buildings, and local events and participants are represented. Highlights include the building of the Long Island Rail Road station, the installation of Main Street's trolley tracks, views of the Town Dock, Pride in Port parades, tree-planting, and other landmarks and civic activities. All help to tell Port's story.

Aerial views of Main Street are included, as are handwritten postcards reflecting Port's past as a seaside resort.

Major funding is provided by the Port Washington Library Foundation, with additional support from the library's Nautical Advisory Committee.

## Save the Date

Port Washington Library Foundation

## Fifth Inspiration Gala

Saturday, October 4

*Honoring*

Ted Bier, Marian McPartland and Dr. Glen Ruben



## Marian Goodman makes donation to Library Foundation

Former Art Advisory Council member Marian Goodman presented the Port Washington Library Foundation with the proceeds of the sale of her artwork in the amount of \$14,750. Subsequent donations brought the total to \$16,000. Funds will be used to enhance services for the visually impaired.



## Save the date: 3rd Annual Friends & Family Day

Join the Friends of the Library on Saturday, November 1 for a fun-filled event featuring:

- silent vaudevillian clown Chip Bryant
- return of the popular paperback book exchange
- family movie presentation with free popcorn and beverages
- database/internet demonstrations
- *newly added:* lecture on Sunday November 2, by a noted movie critic and professor

### Career Coaching

## How to raise your resume IQ

✓ **SELL, DON'T TELL:** Stress the results or outcomes of what you do on the job, not just the doing.

✓ **USE NUMBERS** to indicate breadth and scope whenever possible; how much, how many, how large can be impressive.

✓ **DON'T BURY IMPORTANT SKILLS** at the bottom of the resume; especially if they relate specifically to a job you are applying for.

✓ **STAY AWAY FROM TIRED PHRASES** like "responsible for." Start with an action verb that tells what you did.

✓ **START WITH A "SUMMARY" OR "PROFILE" SECTION** which tells your reader what your occupation is and what your top skills are.

✓ **SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT** with the library's Career Coach Diane Reynolds. Call 883-4400, Ext. 111.



### Research and Local History Assistance

## Call us with your questions

The Reference and Local History Departments are available for in-depth research assistance. Call the Reference Desk at 883-4400, Ext. 111 to make an appointment. You can also send an e-mail to [reference@pwpl.org](mailto:reference@pwpl.org). Please be sure to include your name, contact information, as well as your research request and the purpose of your research.



## Foundation Board inducts new president

The Port Washington Library Foundation recently named board member Michael Pollack its new president. In the bottom photo, outgoing president Aviva Pinto welcomes Mr. Pollack. Foundation Board members (pictured above) include: Michael Pollack, Library Director Nancy Curtin, Aviva Pinto. Standing: Edward Adler, Deborah Holland, Marvin Tepper, Julie Geller, Maurice Mandel, Fern Cohen and Edie Katz.







## Library Kids

### Happily Ever After

Wednesdays, August 13, 20 and 27 at 7 p.m.

Join some of your favorite folktale characters, Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and the Frog Prince, with Port resident and Senior Girl Scout Katie Maxted. Children entering grades 2 to 4 will listen to folk and fairy tales, create their own folktale-based games and play happily ever after! *Registration is limited and begins Friday, August 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Children's Room or by calling 883-4400, Ext. 150.*

### Story Times for Newborns to Age 5

No registration required

**PARK STORY TIME:** Mondays, August 4 and 11 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Meets at *The Blumenfeld Family Park* (adjacent to the Landmark) weather permitting.

**BEACH STORY TIME:** Fridays, August 1, 8 and 15 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Meets at *Manorhaven Beach* weather permitting.

**PAJAMA STORY TIME:** Tuesday, August 12 from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

## The Next Chapter

If you're a boomer, a senior or a lifelong learner interested in joining a lively group of peers to discuss current events and topical issues, we've got a place for you! The group meets twice a month on Saturday mornings for coffee, cookies and conversation. Nassau Library System intern and social worker in training Scott Zotto facilitates the discussion, which is co-sponsored by the library and the Nassau Library System/Senior Connections. Join us August 9 and 23 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

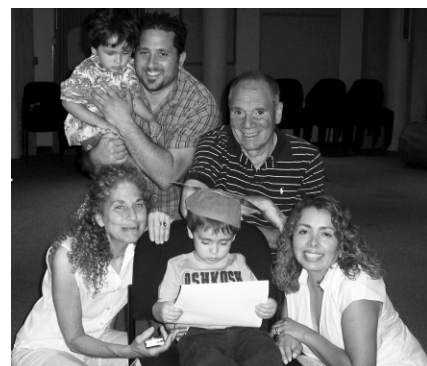
## AAC members exhibit their work

The Art Advisory Council Members' Exhibition continues throughout the summer. Be sure to visit our Main Gallery on the lower level to view an eclectic range of styles. The AAC is one

of the library's five volunteer advisory councils. For more than 30 years, members have evaluated, scheduled, curated and installed the library's monthly exhibitions. Summer is their chance to shine!

## Visit our neighborhoods

We're trying a new approach to marketing our non-fiction collection. By gathering titles of interest to you and grouping them in "neighborhoods," our goal is to make specific library materials more easily accessible. Check out our "Build It Yourself" section in the circulating books room. The "Tank-Friendly Trips" neighborhood in the lobby features titles that offer vacation destinations that won't deplete your gas budget for the year. Our plan is to rotate the neighborhoods seasonally so that you can find what you want when you want it!



## Way to go, PCHP!

The Port Washington Public Library's Parent-Child Home Program had a wonderful year. We graduated six families from the program, two of our Families received the honor of ringing the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange, we had an article published in the PCHP newsletter about one of our Home Visitors, Ferosa Plotkin, and

we ended the year with all 15 PCHP families getting refurbished working computers, loaded with Microsoft Office, games and internet capabilities.

The Parent-Child Home Program is funded by the Port Washington Library Foundation and the Judith C. White Foundation.

## Government documents offer practical information for daily living

The Reference Room maintains a comprehensive collection of directories, manuals, documents, maps and clippings covering a wide range of subjects at every level of government. In addition to federal directories, guides and budgets, we can provide information on contacting your government representatives, supply you with voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications, and direct you to local government and social services offices. We have publications on emergency management and evacuation procedures, and our map file includes FEMA Long Island flood maps. We receive New York State financial reports and planning documents.

On a more local level, we have a wealth of material on issues of environmental and civic interest. The Town of North Hempstead provides us with codes and ordinances, proposed and final

budgets, and zoning maps. Our villages and special districts are also represented in our collection. We receive documents, policy statements, budgets and publications from the Villages of Baxter Estates, Manorhaven, Port Washington North and Sands Point. Special districts such as the Water, Fire, Police, Garbage and Water Pollution Control Districts provide us with information and reports. The School District is well represented with a comprehensive collection of budgets, newsletters, meeting minutes, calendars and handbooks. Our own library document collection includes board minutes, newsletters, statistical reports, copies of policies and procedures and historical items.

Please call the Reference Desk at 883-4400, Ext. 111 with your questions, or e-mail us at [reference@pwpl.org](mailto:reference@pwpl.org).



## Do you have a library card?

Take advantage of all the library has to offer. If you don't already have a library card, apply today — in person or online ([www.pwpl.org](http://www.pwpl.org), and click on “get a library card”).

The Port Washington Public Library has something for everyone. Beyond the traditional reference services, books and book clubs, we offer programs and services for all ages and interests.

Our special collections and services are varied, and the library is a WiFi “Hot Spot,” providing free Internet access to users of laptops and handheld devices capable of receiving wireless signals.

The library's award-winning monthly newsletter and calendar of events is mailed free of charge to every address in Port Washington. It provides program listings and short articles (like the one you're reading now) about what's happening at the library.

For further information, log on to our website 24 hours a day at [www.pwpl.org](http://www.pwpl.org) or, better yet, stop by. You'll be impressed with all your library has to offer.



## Library dedicates benches

Benches were installed at the front of the library to honor Joan G. Kent, former president of the library Board of Trustees, and Eric Pick, former chairman

of the Art Advisory Council, for their many years of library service. Pictured above are Library Trustee Myron Blumenfeld, Joan Kent, Emily Frankel, executive assistant to

Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel, Councilman Fred Pollack, Library Director Nancy Curtin, Eric Pick and Evelyn Pick. The benches were paid for by a private donation.

## New museums added to our roster . . . borrow a pass

Our Museum Pass Program is growing and we'll keep you informed as destinations are added.

BORROW A PASS TO:

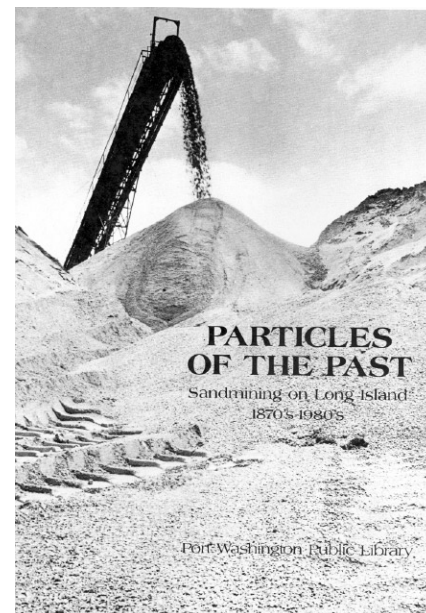
- American Museum of Natural History
- Brooklyn Children's Museum
- Clark Botanic Garden
- Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum
- Guggenheim
- Long Island Children's Museum
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- The Morgan Library & Museum
- Museum of Modern Art
- Nassau County Museum of Art
- New York Historical Society
- Old Westbury Gardens
- The Paley Center for Media
- Whitney Museum of American Art

Passes are for use by Port Washington card holders, and are available for borrowing at the Circulation Desk in the lobby.

Funded by the Friends of the Port Washington Public Library.



Top: The American Museum of Natural History's Discovery Room. Bottom: Old Westbury Gardens.



## Port history comes alive in library publication

A recent printing of one of the library's most popular publications is available to the public. “Particles of the Past: Sandmining on Long Island, 1870s-1980s” traces the compelling history of Port Washington's sandminers and their families, using oral history and photographs to document their lives. It is available for sale at the Circulation Desk.

# What's new in TeenSpace? Twilight, anyone?

## Attention Twilighters!

*Edward or Jacob? You Decide*

In honor of the release of *Breaking Dawn* by Stephenie Meyer, stop by TeenSpace and cast your vote for "Team Edward" or "Team Jacob."

## Twilight Trivia: August 1-7

Quizmaster Lori will compile questions from *Twilight*, *New Moon* and *Eclipse* to test even the most devoted fan. The winning contestant(s) will receive a prize.

## Are we there yet?

Pick up an audio book and turn up the volume. Here are some new titles to make the car ride seem shorter.

*Behind the Curtain* by Peter Abrahams; read by Colleen Delaney. An avid Sherlock Holmes fan, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill is kidnapped while investigating mysterious happenings in her home town. (YA FIC Abrahams CD)

*The Sky Inside* by Clare B. Dunkle; read by Bruce Turk. Martin lives in a domed suburb. Every year a new generation of children arrives on a conveyor belt to meet their parents.

But when a man arrives to take a group of children away, including Martin's sister Cassie, he decides to find out what is beyond the dome and why his sister was taken away. (YA FIC Dunkle CD)

*In Search of Mockingbird* by Loretta Ellsworth; read by Jessica Almasy. On the eve of her 16th birthday, Erin receives her long-dead mother's diary, which reveals that she too revered Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and wanted to be a writer. Erin impulsively decides to take the Greyhound bus from St. Paul, Minnesota to Monroeville, Alabama, to visit the reclusive author. (YA FIC Ellsworth CD)

*Mistik Lake* by Martha Brooks; read by Katie MacNichol. After Odella's mother leaves her family in Manitoba and moves to Iceland with another man, she then dies there, and the family finally learns some of the many secrets that have haunted them for two generations. (YA FIC Brooks CD)

*Double or Die* by Charlie Higson; read by Nathaniel Parker. After re-

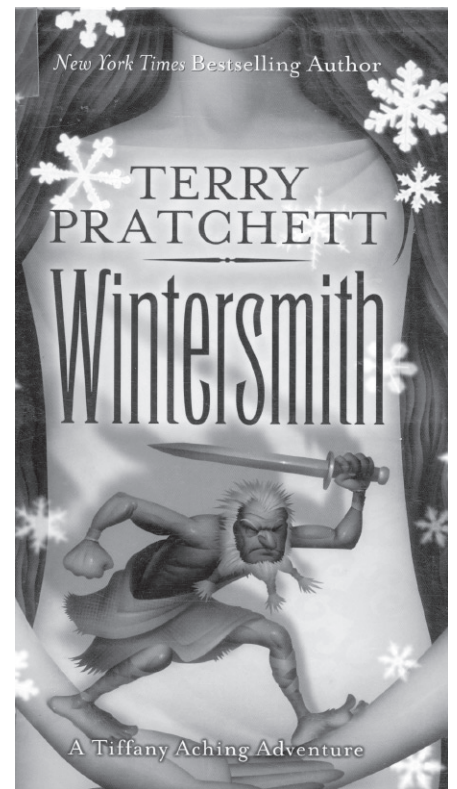
ceiving a suspicious letter at Eton, young James Bond goes on a mission to find a kidnapped professor whose escape is vital to world security. (YA FIC Higson CD)

*Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller* by Sarah Miller; read by Terry Donnelly. At age 21, partially-blind, lonely but spirited Annie Sullivan travels from Massachusetts to Alabama to try and teach 6-year-old Helen Keller, deaf and blind since age 2, self-discipline and communication skills. (YA FIC Miller CD)

*Sunrise Over Fallujah* by Walter Dean Myers; read by JD Jackson. Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion. His time there profoundly changes him. (YA FIC Myers CD)

*Wintersmith* by Terry Pratchett; read by Stephen Briggs. When witch-in-training Tiffany Aching accidentally interrupts the Dance of the Seasons and awakens the interest of the elemental spirit of Winter, she requires the help of the 6-inch-high, sword-wielding, sheep-stealing Wee Free

Men to put the seasons aright. (YA FIC Pratchett CD)



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